

Please Note:

New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Solicitation Mailing List Application, SF-129, Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) one week prior to bid opening (April 01, 2003) or your company may be considered non-responsible.

FV-201

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: March 19, 2003

Frozen Fruit, Announcement FV-201, Invitation 068

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell frozen fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in needy family programs and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central Time, Tuesday April 1, 2003**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Tuesday April 15, 2003. Deliveries are to be made from July 16, 2003 to August 31, 2003.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Frozen IQF Evergreen Blackberries	30 lb. ctns.	8,004 cases
Frozen IQF Marion Blackberries	30 lb. ctns.	14,674 cases

- **Manufacturer's own commercially packaged and labeled product is acceptable, as long as it meets all of the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration and contains an identification code that allows for traceability of the product.**
- ***No offers will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation***
- ***The product must be 100% grown, processed and packed in the United States from 2002 crop year.***

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-201, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Frozen Fruit dated June 1999, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone

(202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>. Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-200, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV201
 INVITATION : 068
 COMM GROUP : 31 FRUIT, FROZEN
 COMM TYPE : **31 BLACKBERRIES, EVERGREEN, FRZN**
 PACK SIZE : 30 30 LB CTN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 07/01/03 - 07/15/03					
001	BINGHAMTON	NY		667	_____
	UTICA	NY	TRUCK ONLY	667	
DELIVERY PERIOD 07/16/03 - 07/31/03					
002	ELMIRA	MI		998	_____
	KALAMAZOO	MI	TRUCK ONLY	336	
DELIVERY PERIOD 08/01/03 - 08/15/03					
003	DENVER	CO	TRUCK ONLY	1,334	_____
004	PUEBLO	CO	TRUCK ONLY	1,334	_____
005	HELENA	MT	TRUCK ONLY	667	_____
	LARAMIE	WY		667	
DELIVERY PERIOD 08/16/03 - 08/31/03					
006	CHARLESTON	WV		1,334	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				8,004	

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DELIVERY PERIOD 07/01/03 - 07/15/03					
007	CHEEKTOWAGA	NY	TRUCK ONLY	667	_____
	HOLLEY	NY		667	
008	LITTLE ROCK	AR	TRUCK ONLY	1,334	_____
009	LITTLE ROCK	AR	TRUCK ONLY	1,334	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 07/16/03 - 07/31/03					
010	FARGO	ND	TRUCK ONLY	1,334	_____
011	CLEARFIELD	UT	TRUCK ONLY	1,334	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 08/01/03 - 08/15/03					
012	INDEPENDENCE	MO		1,334	_____
013	PUYALLUP	WA		934	_____
	SPOKANE	WA	TRUCK ONLY	400	
DELIVERY PERIOD 08/16/03 - 08/31/03					
014	PLAINFIELD	VT	TRUCK ONLY	1,334	_____
015	MCALESTER	OK		1,334	_____
016	INDEPENDENCE	MO		1,334	_____
017	OMAHA	NE	TRUCK ONLY	1,334	_____

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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 14,674

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION 22,678

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 Contracting Officer

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